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Davis Stands Up for E-Gov

Davis Responds to Proposed \$2M E-Gov Funding Shortage

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Chairman Tom Davis (R-VA) issued the following statement today regarding the appropriations bill to be considered in the House that funds E-government programs at \$2 million under the amount requested by President Bush.

The Fiscal 2007 Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia and Independent Agencies Appropriations bill provides \$3 million for E-gov initiatives, 40 percent less than the President's proposal.

Chairman Davis' statement follows:

"I think the Administration is starting to realize the challenges associated with bringing the best government-wide information policy to the federal government. E-government is just one example of my Committee's efforts to bring efficiency and coherency to information policy across the federal government, but we can't do it alone.

"Given the recent headlines underscoring the importance of information security – and the patchwork of responses from federal agencies victimized by data breaches – the benefits of an effective, efficient, *government-wide* E-government policy have never been clearer.

"Clearly, some in the agencies have a vested interest in inefficient, ineffective, stovepiped information technology programs, and they will continue to look for sympathetic ears on Capitol Hill. I hope the Administration, in particularly the Office of Management and Budget, will continue work with us to bring federal agency leadership together to ensure they deliver a consistent message to Congress about the value of E-government initiatives. And I would hope by now

that Congressional appropriators recognize that failing to invest in government E-government initiatives is penny wise and pound foolish.

“Protecting turf, whether among the agencies or on Capitol Hill, is no excuse for stalling the innovative solutions that will save taxpayer money and improve the operations of our federal government.”

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